

Dear Senate Energy and Technology committee and to whom else this may concern,

I am writing to express my concern and to request the Norman Saari not be confirmed to serve on the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).

Mr. Saari served as the Executive Director Of Governmental Affairs At Consumers Energy Company for 20 years. This is a significant conflict of interest as his job as member of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) would be to regulate our states energy companies, one of which he worked for, for 20 years and look out for the public interest in all energy related matters.

It is absolutely imperative that in these types of appointments, that those who have a clear conflict of interest or strong ties to the energy companies, are not chosen to regulate them. If this continues to be allowed to happen as a standard practice, it will remain very difficult for the public to have their voices heard and their rights preserved regarding their choice of meters, rates, etc.

For this reason this appointment is unacceptable. The state and public need the members of our MPSC to be objective and neutral to have the effective regulatory agency that is intended for us.

Thank you,

Pamela Wallace